

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ROBERT H. AYLOR, JR., On Behalf of :
Himself and All Others Similarly Situated, :
: Plaintiff, : Civil Action No. 05-00222 (SLR)
: :
v. : Related Cases:
XYBERNAUT CORPORATION, : 1:05-CV-00242 (SLR)
EDWARD G. NEWMAN, STEVEN A. : 1:05-CV-00256 (SLR)
NEWMAN, M.D., and THOMAS D. : 1:05-CV-00268 (SLR)
DAVIS, : 1:05-CV-00310 (SLR)
: 1:05-CV-00334 (SLR)
: 1:05-CV-00354 (SLR)
Defendants. :

**AL MESNAD GROUP'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN OPPOSITION TO VARIOUS
MOTIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF**

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The Al Mesnad Group respectfully submits this memorandum in further support of its motion for appointment as lead plaintiff (“Lead Plaintiff”) and approval of its selection of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll, P.L.L.C. (“Cohen Milstein”) and Murray, Frank & Sailer LLP (“Murray Frank”) as co-Lead Counsel and Prickett, Jones & Elliott, P.A. (“Prickett Jones”) as Liaison Counsel under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA” or “Reform Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B) and in opposition to competing motions filed by three other purported groups which seek appointment as Lead Plaintiffs.

INTRODUCTION

Now before the Court lie four Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel motions. According to the movants’ previously-filed papers, these groups suffered the following reported losses:

Movant	Reported Losses
Al Mesnad Group	\$963,507
Xybernaut Investors Group	\$668,390 ¹
James Group	\$427,006
Fehrenbacher Group	\$412,918

Not only has the Al Mesnad Group suffered by far the largest losses of any movant, but one member of the Al Mesnad Group—Plaintiff Khalid Nassera Al Mesnad—alone lost \$537,200, which exceeds the total lost by *all* of the individuals that make up the James Group and the Fehrenbacher Group. Nor can the Xybernaut Investors Group hope to prevail because Al

¹ Interestingly, in Lead Plaintiff papers that the Xybernaut Investors Group filed in the Eastern District of Virginia, that group reports its losses as \$688,390 – twenty thousand dollars more than the losses reported here in this district. See Ex. A at 8 (Xybernaut Investor Group’s Lead Plaintiff brief filed in E.D. Va.).

Mesnad Group's total losses exceed the Xybernaut Group's by over thirty percent. The same holds for both the James Group and the Fehrenbacher Group. Neither can conceivably hope to prevail in this Lead Plaintiff competition because the Al Mesnad Group's losses exceed the reported losses of the James Group and the Fehrenbacher Group by over 225% and 233%, respectively.² Accordingly, the Al Mesnad Group respectfully requests that its Lead Plaintiff motion be granted and its selected counsel be appointed Co-Lead and Liaison Counsel.

ARGUMENT

I. THE REFORM ACT PRESUMES THAT THE AL MESNAD GROUP IS THE MOST ADEQUATE LEAD PLAINTIFF.

The Reform Act presumes that the plaintiff or group of plaintiffs with the largest loss is the most adequate Lead Plaintiff if that plaintiff has also either filed a complaint or a Lead Plaintiff motion and if that plaintiff meets Rule 23's requirements of adequacy and typicality. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B)(ii)(I). For the following reasons, the Court should presume the Al Mesnad Group to be the most adequate plaintiff under the Reform Act: (i) the Al Mesnad Group suffered the largest loss; (ii) the Al Mesnad Group has filed a Lead Plaintiff motion in this Court; and (iii) the Al Mesnad Group presents a *prima facie* showing under Rule 23 of both adequacy and typicality.

A. Al Mesnad Group Possesses The Largest Financial Interest In This Litigation.

Under the Reform Act, the Al Mesnad Group has suffered the largest loss, which means that the Al Mesnad Group "has the largest financial interest in the relief sought by the class[.]" 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B)(ii)(I)(bb). Indeed, the Al Mesnad Group's losses (\$963,507) exceed

² One member of the James Group, Kenneth James, appears to have listed weekend trades on his certification. This raises questions about the accuracy that group's reported losses.

the *combined* losses of the James and the Fehrenbacher Groups (\$839,924). And, as demonstrated above, the Al Mesnad Group's losses exceed those of the Xybernaut Group by \$295,117. Accordingly, under any analysis, the Al Mesnad Group has demonstrated that it has the largest financial interest of those asserted by any movant for Lead Plaintiff here, and thereby is presumptively the appropriate Lead Plaintiff. *See EZRA Charitable Trust v. Rent-Way, Inc.*, 136 F. Supp. 2d 435, 439-445 (W.D. Pa. 2001) (appointing plaintiff with largest financial loss as lead plaintiff); *In re MicroStrategy, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 110 F. Supp. 2d 427, 436 (E.D. Va. 2000) (same).

B. The Al Mesnad Group Is Both Adequate And Typical Under Rule 23.

After identifying the Lead Plaintiff movant with the largest financial stake, the Court should then focus on whether that movant (and here, that movant is the Al Mesnad Group) satisfies Rule 23(a)'s requirements of adequacy and typicality. Under the Reform Act, the inquiry is less exacting than will later be the case at class certification. *See In re Cendant Corp. Litig.*, 264 F.3d 201, 264 (3rd Cir. 2001) ("[B]oth the statutory structure and the legislative history suggest that the court's initial inquiry as to whether the movant with the largest losses satisfies the typicality and adequacy requirements need not be extensive."); *MicroStrategy*, 110 F. Supp. 2d at 435. Here, the Al Mesnad Group need only make a preliminary showing or a *prima facie* case. *See, e.g., A.F.I.K. Holding SPRL v. Fass*, 216 F.R.D. 567, 571 (D.N.J. 2003); *Switzenbaum v. Orbital Sciences Corp.*, 187 F. Supp. 2d 246, 250 (E.D. Va. 1999). For the reasons explained in the Al Mesnad Group's opening brief, the group easily clears this hurdle.

In addition, however, the Al Mesnad Group submits a detailed declaration wherein each of its four members affirmed that they understand they must stay informed about the litigation's status and outlined a detailed plan to achieve that end and control the course of the litigation.

See Joint Lead Plaintiff Declaration ¶¶ 7-11 (Exhibit B, attached hereto). This declaration further declares that the members of the Al Mesnad Group will: (i) “regularly monitor” their attorneys; (ii) “vie for the best possible recovery” for the class; (iii) exercise joint decision-making; and (iv) “ensure that work performed in this action is non-duplicative[.] (Exhibit B ¶¶ 8, 9). Overall, the declaration makes clear that the Al Mesnad Group aims to work together as a group. Consequently, the declaration provides additional evidence that the Al Mesnad Group makes a *prima facie* showing that the group is adequate under Rule 23(a). *See In re Atmel Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26470, at **4-6 (N.D. Cal. Jun. 17, 2003) (Exhibit C).

In the face of the Al Mesnad Group’s superior losses, its declaration, and the expertise of the group’s selected counsel, no putative class member can rebut the presumption that the Al Mesnad Group is the most adequate Lead Plaintiff. No putative class member can show that the Al Mesnad Group might not have the “ability and incentive” to represent the class “vigorously.” Nor can any putative class member dispute that the Al Mesnad Group has obtained adequate counsel. And finally, no putative class member can identify any conflict between the Al Mesnad Group’s claims and those of the putative class. *See Cendant*, 264 F.3d at 265 (listing facts to consider and that must be rebutted in a Lead Plaintiff contest and challenge).

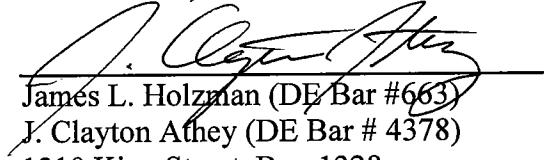
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Al Mesnad Group respectfully requests that the Court appoint it as Lead Plaintiff and approve the group's selection of Cohen, Milstein and Murray, Frank as co-Lead Counsel.

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